



Protecting by Children Strengthening Families

Franklin County Children Services is a public agency mandated by federal and state law to protect children and strengthen families. By being in partnership with more than 100 agencies and organizations, and with the help of more than 700 employees, 400 kinship families, 200 adoptive families and 500 volunteers and mentors, and hundreds of community partners the agency is committed to making sure that every child has a safe and stable home. Children Services' caseworkers and support staff work to build stable and supportive living settings for young people, strengthen family life and assist parents in meeting their responsibilities to their children.

Each year, Franklin County Children Services helps approximately 30,000 children and their families through prevention, protection, placement and permanency programs. The agency protects and cares for children in cooperation with parents whenever possible by providing services to alleviate their problems. These services include:

- In-home counseling and community social and mental health services
- Placement of children in temporary foster homes
- Emancipation and volunteer services
- Day treatment
- Other supportive services that enable the parents or caregivers to maintain or resume their role of raising their children
- Kinship placement and support

Our Mission

Through collaboration with families and their communities, we advocate for the safety, permanency and well-being of each child we serve in a manner that honors family and culture.

Our Vision

Safety, permanency and well-being for every child.

We Are Child Welfare Professionals

We Value Every Child

We Honor Families

We Value Partnerships

24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline: (614) 229-7000

General Information: (614) 275-2571

Communications: (614) 275-2523

Volunteers & Mentors: (614) 275-2690

Kinship: (614) 341-6161



For more information about Franklin County Children Services, or to sign up for our newsletters go to:

www.franklincountyohio.gov/children_services



STATISTICS

Prevalence of Child Abuse in Franklin County



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	2013	2014
Total Number of Children Served	30,264	31,271
Total Number of Children Served in Placement	3,815	3,831
Total Referrals Received	31,798	31,683
Type of Referral		
Child Abuse and Neglect	75.7%	75.9%
Dependency	3.7%	3.8%
Family in Need of Services	9.5%	9.4%
Information and Referral	11.1%	10.9%
Total Screened In Referrals	13,282	13,449
Type of Referral		
Child Abuse and Neglect	81.3%	82.1%
Dependency	4%	4.1%
Family in Need of Services	14.7%	13.8%
Child Abuse and Neglect Investigations Conducted		
Total Abuse Investigations	7,706	8,000
Physical Abuse	6,014	6,385
Sexual Abuse	1,465	1,364
Emotional Abuse	227	251
Substantiated	14.7%	14.3%
Indicated	7.3%	7.5%
Unsubstantiated	38.5%	35.5%
Differential Response	39.5%	42.7%
Total Neglect Investigations	3,883	4,053
Substantiated	12.2%	12.1%
Indicated	2.9%	3.5%
Unsubstantiated	34%	29.2%
Differential Response	50.9%	55.2%
Total Number of Dependency Reports Investigated	534	546

Data sourced from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) State Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS).